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CONSUMERS URGED TO CHECK FREEZERS FOR RECALLED BEEF

Company Expands Recall to Include More Than 21 Million Pounds; Products Sold Locally

The County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is recommending today that consumers check their freezers for frozen beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli.

Topps Meat Company in New Jersey is voluntarily expanding its Sept. 25 recall to include 21.7 million pounds of frozen ground beef products. The recall was expanded after the USDA conducted a food safety assessment of the facility and the New York Health Department reported an additional positive product sample.

The frozen ground beef packages in question have the establishment number "Est. 9748" as well as sell-by dates between "SEP 25 07" and "SEP 25 08." The product was sold under several brand names.

Health officials are investigating 25 reports of illness in Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Maine, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

No illnesses have been reported in California, but the products were sold locally at Albertsons and possibly at Wal-Mart. The DEH has confirmed that Albertsons has removed Topps' products and is working with Wal-Mart to make sure the products are not in its stores. If you have any of the recalled products in your refrigerator or freezer, please discard them.

Eating meat contaminated with E. coli can lead to illness or even death. People who are most at risk include young children, seniors and people with compromised immune systems. Consumers who are ill and think they may have eaten the recalled meat should contact their health care provider. DEH is also reminding consumers to remember to use a thermometer to make sure ground beef is fully cooked to a safe temperature of 160 °F.

For a full list of recalled products, visit www.fsis.usda.gov. Topps Meat Company has also set up a consumer's recall hotline at (888) 734-0451.

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Recall List Attached:

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- 10-pound boxes of "BUTCHER'S BEST 100% ALL BEEF PATTIES 75/25, 4 OZ (4-1), 40 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "BUTCHER'S BEST 100% ALL BEEF PATTIES 75/25, 6 OZ FLAT, 27 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "KOHLER FOODS 4 OZ FLAT HAMBURGER, CODE: 60100, 40 PCS."
- 10-pound boxes of "KOHLER FOODS 6 OZ FLAT HAMBURGER, CODE: 60200, 27 PCS."
- 10-pound boxes of "KOHLER FOODS 8 OZ FLAT HAMBURGER, CODE: 60300, 20 PCS."
- 3-pound boxes of "MIKE'S 12 SEASONED BEEF PATTIES."
- 5-pound boxes of "MIKE'S 20 SEASONED BEEF PATTIES."
- 3-pound boxes of "PATHMARK 100% ALL BEEF BURGERS, 16 BEEF BURGERS."
- 5-pound boxes of "PATHMARK 100% ALL BEEF BURGERS, 20 BEEF BURGERS."
- 10-pound boxes of "PATHMARK 100% ALL BEEF BURGERS, 40 BEEF BURGERS."
- 10-pound boxes of "RASTELLI'S FINE FOODS 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (80/20), 10 OZ H, 16 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "RASTELLI'S FINE FOODS 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (80/20), 3.2 OZ, 50 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "RASTELLI'S FINE FOODS 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (80/20), 4 OZ, 40 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "RASTELLI'S FINE FOODS 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (80/20), 6 OZ FLAT, 27 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "RASTELLI'S FINE FOODS 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (80/20), 8 OZ FLAT, 20 COUNT."
- 10 pound boxes of "RASTELLI'S FINE FOODS 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (85/15), 6 OZ, FLAT 27 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "ROMA - TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 2 OZ, 80 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "ROMA - TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 3.2 OZ, 50 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "ROMA - TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 4 OZ, 40 PIECES."

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- 10-pound boxes of "ROMA - TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 5.3 OZ, 30 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "ROMA - TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 6 OZ, 27 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "ROMA - TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 7 OZ, 23 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "ROMA - TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 8 OZ FLAT, 20 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "ROMA - TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 8 OZ H, 20 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "ROMA - TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 10 OZ H, 16 PIECES."
- 3-pound bags of "SAM'S CHOICE BACKYARD GOURMET BEEF BURGERS, 75/25, 12 QUARTER POUND ROUND PATTIES."
- 6-pound bags of "SAM'S CHOICE BACKYARD GOURMET BEEF BURGERS, 75/25, 24 QUARTER POUND ROUND PATTIES."
- 3-pound bags of "SAM'S CHOICE BACKYARD GOURMET BEEF BURGERS, 80/20, 12 QUARTER POUND ROUND PATTIES."
- 3-pound bags of "SAM'S CHOICE BACKYARD GOURMET BEEF BURGERS, 85/15, 12 QUARTER POUND ROUND PATTIES."
- 10-pound boxes of "SAND CASTLE FINE MEAT 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (75/25), 8 OZ FLAT, 20 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "SAND CASTLE FINE MEAT 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (80/20), 4 OZ, 40 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "SAND CASTLE FINE MEAT 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (80/20), 6 OZ, 27 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "SAND CASTLE FINE MEAT 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (80/20), 8 OZ FLAT, 20 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "SAND CASTLE FINE MEAT 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (85/15), 3.2 OZ, 50 COUNT."



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- 10-pound boxes of "SAND CASTLE FINE MEAT 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (85/15), 6 OZ FLAT, 27 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "SAND CASTLE FINE MEAT 100% PREMIUM BEEF HAMBURGER (85/15), 10 OZ H, 16 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "SAND CASTLE FINE MEAT ANGUS CHUCK BURGER (80/20), 8 OZ FLAT, 20 COUNT."
- 3-pound boxes of "SHOP RITE 100% PURE GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS, 16 3 OZ BURGERS."
- 3-pound boxes of "SHOP RITE 100% PURE QUARTER POUND GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS."
- 5-pound boxes of "SHOP RITE 100% PURE QUARTER POUND GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS."
- 10-pound boxes of "SHOP RITE 100% PURE QUARTER POUND GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 1 OZ SLIDER."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 10 OZ (PUB BURGER)."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 2 OZ."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 2.67 OZ."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 3 OZ HOMESTYLE."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 4 OZ."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGERS, 4 OZ (4-1) HOMESTYLE."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 4 OZ FLAT."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 5 OZ, 32 PIECES."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGERS 5 OZ (1/2-inch)"
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 6 OZ (5/8-inch)."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 6 OZ (85/15)."

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- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 6 OZ (PUB BURGER)."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 7 OZ."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 7 OZ (75/25)."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 8 OZ FLAT."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGERS, 8 OZ (PUB BURGER)"
- 1.5-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PURE GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS, 3 OZ (8 COUNT)."
- 2-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PURE GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS, 3 OZ, 10 COUNT."
- 3-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PURE GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS, 6 OZ. PUB BURGERS."
- 2-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PURE GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS, 8 QUARTER POUNDERS."
- 3-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PURE GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS, 12 QUARTER POUNDERS."
- 3-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PURE GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS, 16 HAMBURGERS."
- 5-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PURE GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS, 20 QUARTER POUNDERS."
- 8-pound boxes of "TOPPS 100% PURE GROUND BEEF HAMBURGERS, 32 QUARTER POUNDERS."
- 2-pound boxes of "TOPPS SIRLOIN STEAK BURGERS WITH FIRE-ROASTED ONIONS, 6 1/3 LB. HOMESTYLE BURGERS."
- 2-pound boxes of "TOPPS SIRLOIN STEAK BURGERS WITH PORTABELLA MUSHROOMS, 6 1/3 LB. HOMESTYLE BURGERS."
- 2-pound boxes of "TOPPS SIRLOIN STEAK BURGERS, 6 1/3 LB. HOMESTYLE BURGERS."
- 10-pound boxes of "TOPPS HAMBURGERS, 3.2 OZ, 50 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "WEST SIDE 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 3 OZ, 53 COUNT."
- 10-pound boxes of "WEST SIDE 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 3.2 OZ, 50 COUNT."



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- 10-pound boxes of “WEST SIDE 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 4 OZ, 40 COUNT.”
- 10-pound boxes of “WESTSIDE, 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 5 OZ FLAT, 32 COUNT.”
- 10-pound boxes of “WEST SIDE 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 6 OZ, 27 COUNT.”
- 10-pound boxes of “WESTSIDE, 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 6 OZ FLAT, 27 COUNT.”
- 10-pound boxes of “WESTSIDE, 100% PREMIUM HAMBURGER, 8 OZ FLAT, 20 COUNT.”

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